

5.0 CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION

5.1 Scoping

The National Park Service consulted and coordinated with pertinent agencies and organizations and the interested public in addressing the applicants requested access to a private inholding for personal, non-commercial uses. Much of the scoping information obtained for the draft EIS for the Spruce Creek access proposal (NPS 1999) is still applicable to the requested access for personal uses, but the size of the access project is much smaller. Therefore, many of the scoping issues in the draft EIS dropped away.

5.2 Coordination with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)

Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, as amended, requires any federal agency or person planning to discharge fill into or upon the waters of the United States, including wetlands, to obtain a Section 404 Permit from the Corps of Engineers. The NPS has kept the USACE informed of progress on the Spruce Creek access request, and an interagency coordination meeting was held in Fairbanks on August 28, 2000, which the USACE project manager attended by teleconference. The USACE will make a final jurisdictional determination (JD) on the wetlands classification and mapping in the project area, and the USACE will issue any permit required under authority of the Clean Water Act Section 404 and a memorandum of understanding with the EPA.

On September 11, 2000, the USACE sent a letter to the applicants for Permit 4-981038 for access across Moose Creek stating they would close the file in accordance with a letter sent on August 4, 2000.

5.3 Consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)

Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, as amended, prohibits federal agencies such as the National Park Service from implementing any action likely to jeopardize the continued existence of a federally protected species, listed as endangered or threatened. The act requires the NPS to consult with the FWS on any action the NPS authorizes, funds, or executes with the potential to adversely affect a protected species or its habitat.

To meet its responsibilities under the act, the NPS initiated informal consultation with the FWS to identify listed plant and animal species that may occur in the project study area. At this time no critical habitat or threatened or endangered species is deemed likely to occur in the area of the requested access or its alternatives (appendix E). The FWS will submit an update, as needed, before completion of the EA.

5.4 Coordination with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

The NPS informed Region 10 of the EPA of the revised requested access. The NPS learned that a Clean Water Act Section 402 Permit would be required for any project with a footprint greater than 5 acres. Because the new proposed access request and all of its alternatives would not affect more than 5 acres of surface area, the NPS determined that the EPA would not need to review this EA. A pollution prevention plan to meet the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) requirements for storm-water discharge would not be needed for this access project.

5.5 Consultation with Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADFG)

NPS representatives, USACE, USFWS, and an applicant met with ADFG officials in Fairbanks on August 28, 2000, regarding fish passage considerations. ADFG provided a copy the ADFG Wildlife Notebook Series on arctic grayling. This document describes critical grayling migration and spawning periods, which would need to be considered in permitting access across Moose Creek and its tributaries. The ADFG seemed unconcerned for the proposed low use of the access to Spruce #4 for personal uses, except the period of vehicle access across streams would need to avoid critical grayling life history in the area. The ADFG would address the periods of vehicle access in a Fish Habitat Permit.

5.6 Consultation with Alaska Department of Conservation (ADEC)

The ADEC would issue a CWA Section 401 Certificate of Reasonable Assurance that water quality in the project area would not be adversely impacted.

5.7 List of Agencies, Organizations, and Businesses to Whom Copies of the EA would be Sent

5.7.1 Alaska Congressional Delegation

Senator Frank Murkowski
Senator Ted Stevens
Congressman Don Young

5.7.2 Federal Departments, Agencies, and Offices

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
Alaska Public Lands Information Center
Department of the Interior
 Assistant to the Secretary for Alaska
 Bureau of Land Management
 National Park Service
 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Environmental Protection Agency
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

5.7.3 State of Alaska

Governor Tony Knowles	Alaska Railroad Corporation
Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation	Alaska State Historic Preservation Office
Alaska Department of Fish and Game	Alaska State Parks
Alaska Department of Natural Resources	Division of Governmental Coordination
Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities	State Senator Mike Miller
	State Representative Tom Brice
	State Representative Jeannette James

5.7.4 Native Corporations and Organizations

Ahtna Development Corporation	Cantwell Village Corporation
Alaska Federation of Natives	Doyon, Limited

5.7.5 Local Governments and Agencies

Denali Borough
Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce
Fairbanks Convention and Visitors Bureau
Fairbanks North Star Borough
Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce

Healy Chamber of Commerce
Matanuska-Susitna Borough
Municipality of Anchorage
Talkeetna Chamber of Commerce

5.7.6 Organizations

Alaska Center for the Environment
Alaska Citizen's Advisory Commission
Alaska Conservation Foundation
Alaska Environmental Assembly
Alaska Friends of the Earth
Alaska Lands Act Coordinating Committee
Alaska Miners Association
Alaska Natural Heritage Association
Alaska Outdoor Council
Alaska Public Interest Research Group
Alaska Visitors Association
Alaska Wilderness Recreation and Tourism Association
Alaska Wildlife Alliance
Alaska Women of the Wilderness
American Alpine Institute
American Wilderness Alliance
Anchorage Audubon Society
Commonwealth North
Denali Advisory Committee
Denali Citizens Council
Denali Foundation
Denali Visitors Association
Earth First
Greenpeace USA
Lake Minchumina Advisory Committee
Mat-Su State Park Citizen's Advisory Board

National Audubon Society
National Parks and Conservation Association
National Wildlife Federation
National Wildlife Refuge Association
Northern Alaska Environmental Center
Panguingue Creek Homeowners Association
Resource Development Council for Alaska, Inc.
Sierra Club, Alaska Chapter
Sierra Club, Alaska Field Office
Sierra Club, Denali Group
Sierra Club, Legal Defense Fund
Southeast Alaska Conservation Council
Susitna Valley Association
Talkeetna Environmental Center
Talkeetna Historical Society
Talkeetna Open Door Committee
Tanana Chiefs Conference
The Conservation Fund
The Nature Conservancy of Alaska
The Wilderness Society
Trustees for Alaska
Wildlife Federation of Alaska

5.7.7 Businesses

Air Madura
Alaska Adventures
Alaska Biological Research, Inc.
Alaska Lodging Management, Inc.
Alaska River and Ski Tours, Inc.
Alaska West Air, Inc.
Alaska Wildland Adventures, Inc.
Alpine Air Guides
ARA Leisure Services
Aurora Mining Company
Backwoods Lodging
CampAlaska Tours

Canadian Wilderness Travel, Ltd.
Cantwell Lodge
Carlo Creek Lodge
Denali Air
Denali Backcountry Lodge
Denali Bluffs Hotel, Inc.
Denali Cabins
Denali Crow's Nest
Denali Grizzly Bear Cabins
Denali Hostel
Denali National Park Wilderness Centers, Ltd.

Denali Park Resorts
Denali Raft Adventures
Denali Riverview Inn
Denali RV Park
Denali Suites
Denali Wilderness Safaris, Inc.
Dome Home Bed and Breakfast
Doug Geeting Aviation
Eastwood's Bed and Breakfast
Equinox
ERA Aviation, Inc.
Fantasy Ridge Alpinism, Inc.
Frontiersman
Gold King Mines
Grandview Bed and Breakfast
Happy Wanderer Hostel
HDR Engineering, Inc.
Healy Chevron
Healy Heights Bed and Breakfast
Holland America Line Westours
Hudson Air Service, Inc.
K2 Aviation
Kantishna Roadhouse
Kantishna Group, Inc.
Kichatna Guide Service
KLK, Inc.
Lahaie's Alaska Air Service
Lake Clark Air, Inc.
Larry's Healy Service
Maggie's Bed and Breakfast
McKinley/Denali Salmon Bake
McKinley Gold Camp
McKinley KOA
McKinley Raft Tours
Morrel Adventure Travel
Motel Nord Haven

Mountain Trip, Inc.
Mountain View Liquor and Grocery
Mount McKinley Motor Lodge
Natural Habitat Wildlife Adventures
North Star
Northwest Explorations, Inc.
Osprey Expeditions
Paragon Guides, Inc.
Parkway Gift Shop
Princess Lodge
Princess Tours
R.A. Kreig & Associates
Rainier Mountaineering, Inc.
Red Tape Mining Company
Reindeer Mountain Lodge
Speer Bed 'N Breakfast
Stampede Lodge
Talkeetna Air Taxi, Inc.
Talon Air Service, Inc.
The Perch
Thomas Air
Totem Inn
Trans-Porter Alaska, Inc.
Trek America
Tseyu Service Station
Tundra Mini Golf
Vern Humble Alaska Air Adventures
Waring & Associates
Weber Alyeska Wilderness Guides
Westmark Corporate Office
White Moose Lodge
Wilderness Ventures, Inc.
Woodsmen, Inc.
Wright Air Service
Yukon Don's B&B

5.7.8 Educational Institutions

Denali Institute
University of Alaska Anchorage
University of Alaska Fairbanks

5.7.9 Media

Alaska Magazine
Alaska Public Radio Network
Anchorage Daily News
Denali Summer Times
Fairbanks Daily News Miner
The Frontiersman